

New Dean of Faculty Announcement



News Announcement: A New Era for the Faculty of Transportation and Logistics

We are thrilled to share momentous news from the heart of our academic community. **Prof. Dr. Erkan Celik**, a founding member of the **OptimResearch** group, has been appointed as the **Dean of the Faculty of Transportation and Logistics at Istanbul University**, effective **April 27, 2026**.

This appointment is a significant milestone for our research group. Having one of our founders lead our faculty not only underscores the academic excellence we strive for at OptimResearch but also strengthens the bridge between cutting-edge research and institutional leadership. We take immense pride in Prof. Celik's achievement, as his vision has been instrumental in shaping our group's focus on optimization, sustainability, and advanced logistics analytics.

About Prof. Dr. Erkan Celik

Prof. Dr. Erkan Celik is a distinguished scholar in the field of **Transportation and Logistics**. Throughout his career at Istanbul University, he has established himself as a leading expert in **Multi-Criteria Decision-Making (MCDM)**, supply chain optimization, and disaster logistics.

As a founding member of **OptimResearch**, he has spearheaded numerous high-impact projects and contributed extensively to international journals. His work is characterized by a dedication to solving complex real-world problems through mathematical modeling and strategic logistics management. Beyond his research, Prof. Celik is a dedicated mentor and a respected figure in the international academic community, known for his collaborative spirit and commitment to excellence.

"We extend our heartiest congratulations to Prof. Dr. Erkan Celik on this well-deserved appointment and wish him a successful and transformative tenure as Dean."